



BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005

Valdosta (MSA) [46660]

Valdosta is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2005 population of 126,214 ranked 289th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Valdosta had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,581. This PCPI ranked 339th in the United States and was 71 percent of the national average, \$34,757. The 2005 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.9 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 national change was 4.9 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Valdosta was \$17,133 and ranked 337th in the United States. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Valdosta had a total personal income (TPI) of \$3,102,446*. This TPI ranked 317th in the United States. In 1995 the TPI of Valdosta was \$1,908,248* and ranked 318th in the United States. The 2005 TPI reflected an increase of 6.4 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 national change was 5.9 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.3 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Valdosta. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 66.3 percent of TPI (compared with 65.7 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 13.7 percent (compared with 16.7 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 20.1 percent (compared with 17.6 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings increased 6.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.4 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 5.1 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Valdosta increased from \$2,193,964* in 2004 to \$2,330,335* in 2005, an increase of 6.2 percent. The 2004-2005 national change was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of \$1,410,263* to the 2005 estimate was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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